

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Eighteen bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1700–1717, and S. Res. 295–297. **Page S8049**

Measures Reported:

S. Res. 292, expressing support for the victims of the typhoon in the Philippines and the surrounding region.

S. 657, to eliminate conditions in foreign prisons and other detention facilities that do not meet primary indicators of health, sanitation, and safety.

S. 1683, to provide for the transfer of naval vessels to certain foreign recipients. **Page S8048**

Measures Passed:

National Day on Writing: Senate agreed to S. Res. 295, expressing the support for the designation of October 20, 2013, as the “National Day on Writing”. **Page S8069**

National Wildlife Refuge Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 296, designating the week beginning on October 13, 2013, as “National Wildlife Refuge Week”. **Page S8069**

Congratulating the Minnesota Lynx Women’s Basketball Team: Senate agreed to S. Res. 297, congratulating the Minnesota Lynx women’s basketball team on winning the 2013 Women’s National Basketball Association Championship. **Page S8069**

Support for Victims of Typhoon in the Philippines and Surrounding Region: Senate agreed to S. Res. 292, expressing support for the victims of the typhoon in the Philippines and the surrounding region. **Pages S8069–70**

Release of Detainees in Iran: Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 284, calling on the Government of Iran to immediately release Saeed Abedini and all other individuals detained on account of their religious beliefs, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S8070**

Measures Considered:

Drug Quality and Security Act—Agreement: Senate began consideration of H.R. 3204, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to human drug compounding and drug supply chain security, after agreeing to the motion to proceed, and taking action on the following amendments and motions proposed thereto: **Pages S8026, S8027**

Pending:

Reid Amendment No. 2033, to change the enactment date. **Page S8026**

Reid Amendment No. 2034 (to Amendment No. 2033), of a perfecting nature. **Page S8026**

Reid Motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 2035, to change the enactment date. **Page S8026**

Reid Amendment No. 2036 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 2035), of a perfecting nature. **Page S8026**

Reid Amendment No. 2037 (to Amendment No. 2036), of a perfecting nature. **Page S8026**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Robert Leon Wilkins, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit. **Page S8027**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that on Monday, November 18, 2013, the first-degree filing deadline for amendments to the bill be at 3:00 p.m., and the second-degree filing deadline for amendments to the bill be at 4:00 p.m.; that if cloture is not invoked on the nomination of Robert Leon Wilkins, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, Senate resume consideration of the bill, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the bill; and that if cloture is invoked on the bill, all post-cloture time be yielded back, the pending amendments be withdrawn, and Senate vote on passage of the bill. **Page S8070**

National Defense Authorization Act—Agreement: Senate began consideration of the motion to

proceed to consideration of S. 1197, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2014 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year. **Page S8027**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, November 14, 2013, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of H.R. 3204, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to human drug compounding and drug supply chain security. **Page S8027**

House Messages:

PREEMIE Reauthorization Act: Senate concurred in the amendments of the House of Representatives to S. 252, to reduce preterm labor and delivery and the risk of pregnancy-related deaths and complications due to pregnancy, and to reduce infant mortality caused by prematurity. **Page S8069**

Wilkins Nomination—Agreement: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Robert Leon Wilkins, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit. **Page S8027**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, November 14, 2013, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, November 18, 2013. **Page S8027**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 5 p.m., on Monday, November 18, 2013, Senate resume consideration of the nomination, with the time until 5:30 p.m. equally divided and controlled in the usual form, prior to the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination. **Page S8070**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

James Walter Brewster, Jr., of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the Dominican Republic.

Kenneth L. Mossman, of Arizona, to be a Member of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board for a term expiring October 18, 2016.

Philip S. Goldberg, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Philippines.

Gregory B. Starr, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Diplomatic Security).

Michael D. Lumpkin, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:35 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, November 18, 2013. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8070.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATION

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Janet L. Yellen, of California, to be Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Johnson (SD), testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

MAGNUSON-STEVENSON ACT REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard concluded a hearing to examine Southeast regional perspectives on Magnuson-Stevens Act reauthorization, after receiving testimony from Roy E. Crabtree, Southeast Regional Administrator, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce; Douglass Boyd, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, San Antonio, Texas; Ben C. Hartig, South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, Hobe Sound, Florida; Carlos Farchette, Caribbean Fishery Management Council, St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands; John D. Brownlee, *Salt Water Sportsman*, Islamorada, Florida; Kelly Windes, Okaloosa County

Board of County Commission (District 5), Crestview, Florida; Robert Johnson, Jodie Lynn Charters, St. Augustine, Florida; Lee Crockett, The Pew Charitable Trusts, Washington, D.C.; and William E. Tucker, Dunedin, Florida.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 753, to provide for national security benefits for White Sands Missile Range and Fort Bliss, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1169, to withdraw and reserve certain public land in the State of Montana for the Limestone Hills Training Area, with an amendment; and

S. 1309, to withdraw and reserve certain public land under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior for military uses, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Steven Croley, of Michigan, to be General Counsel, who was introduced by Senator Stabenow, and Christopher Smith, of Texas, to be Assistant Secretary for Fossil Energy, both of the Department of Energy, and Esther Puakela Kia'aina, of Hawaii, to be Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Insular Affairs, who was introduced by Senators Schatz and Hirono, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1271, to direct the President to establish guidelines for the United States foreign assistance programs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1683, to provide for the transfer of naval vessels to certain foreign recipients;

S. Res. 292, expressing support for the victims of the typhoon in the Philippines and the surrounding region; and

The nominations of Daniel W. Yohannes, of Colorado, to be Representative to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, with the rank of Ambassador, Anthony Luzzatto Gardner, of New York, to be Representative to the European Union, with the rank and status of Ambassador, Amy Jane Hyatt, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Palau, Elizabeth Frawley Bagley, of the District of Columbia, Theodore Strickland, of Ohio, and Stephen N. Zack, of Florida, all to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of

America to the Sixty-eighth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations, Heather Anne Higginbottom, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Secretary for Management and Resources, Sarah Sewall, of Massachusetts, to be Under Secretary for Civilian Security, Democracy, and Human Rights, and Richard Stengel, of New York, to be Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy, all of the Department of State, Michael G. Carroll, of New York, to be Inspector General, United States Agency for International Development, and Carolyn Hessler Radelet, of Virginia, to be Director of the Peace Corps.

EGYPT

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee received a closed briefing on developments in Egypt from William J. Burns, Deputy Secretary of State; Derek Chollet, Assistant Secretary for International Security Affairs, and Lieutenant General Terry Wolff, Director, Strategic Plans and Policy (J5), Joint Chiefs of Staff, both of the Department of Defense; and Alina Romanowski, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Middle East Bureau, U.S. Agency for International Development.

EASTERN PARTNERSHIP

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on European Affairs concluded a hearing to examine the Eastern Partnership, focusing on the outlook for Ukraine, Moldova, Georgia, Belarus, Armenia, and Azerbaijan, after receiving testimony from Victoria Nuland, Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs; and Anders Aslund, Peterson Institute for International Economics, Damon W. Wilson, Atlantic Council, and Ariel Cohen, The Heritage Foundation Kathryn and Shelby Cullom Davis Institute for International Studies, all of Washington, D.C.

THREATS TO THE HOMELAND

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine threats to the homeland, after receiving testimony from Rand Beers, Acting Secretary of Homeland Security; James B. Comey, Jr., Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; and Matthew G. Olsen, Director, National Counterterrorism Center, Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

ENSURING ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine ensuring access to higher education, focusing on simplifying Federal student aid for today's college student, after

receiving testimony from Bridget Terry Long, Harvard Graduate School of Education, Cambridge, Massachusetts; Kim Cook, National College Access Network, and Kristin D. Conklin, HCM Strategists, both of Washington, D.C.; and Judith Scott-Clayton, Columbia University Teachers College, New York, New York.

INDIAN COUNTRY CONTRACT SUPPORT COSTS AND SEQUESTRATION

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine contract support costs and sequestration, focusing on Indian country, after receiving testimony from Kevin Washburn, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs; Yvette Roubideaux, Acting Director, Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services; Brian Cladoosby, National Congress of American Indians, Washington, D.C.; Karen R. Diver, Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Cloquet, Minnesota; Alfred Lane, III, Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians of Oregon, Siletz; Phylliss J. Anderson, Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, Choctaw; Jefferson Keel, Chickasaw Nation, Ada, Oklahoma; and Aaron Payment, Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Carolyn B. McHugh, of Utah, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit, Pamela L. Reeves, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee, Vince Girdhari Chhabria, to be United

States District Judge for the Northern District of California, James Maxwell Moody, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Arkansas, and Peter C. Tobin, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of Ohio, and Amos Rojas, Jr., of Florida, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of Florida, both of the Department of Justice.

CARTEL PROSECUTION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights concluded a hearing to examine cartel prosecution, focusing on stopping price fixers and protecting consumers, after receiving testimony from William J. Baer, Assistant Attorney General, Antitrust Division, and Ronald T. Hosko, Assistant Director, Criminal Investigative Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, both of the Department of Justice; Hollis Salzman, Robins, Kaplan, Miller and Ciresi, L.L.P., New York, New York, on behalf of the Committee to Support the Antitrust Laws; Christopher B. Hockett, Davis Polk and Wardwell LLP, Menlo Park, California, on behalf of the American Bar Association Section of Antitrust Law; Margaret C. Levenstein, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor; and Mark Rosman, Wilson Sonsini Goodrich and Rosati P.C., Washington, D.C.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 22 public bills, H.R. 3481–3502; 1 private bill, H.R. 3503; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 64; and H. Res. 411–412, 414 were introduced. **Pages H7109–10**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H7111–12**

Reports Filed: A report was filed today as follows:
H. Res. 413, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3350) to authorize health insurance issuers to continue to offer for sale current individual health insurance coverage in satisfaction of the minimum essential health coverage requirement, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–265). **Page H7109**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Petri to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H7055**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:49 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H7060**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend Larry Phillips, Midway Baptist Church, Mount Airy, North Carolina. **Page H7060**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by voice vote. **Pages H7060, H7080**

Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2013—Motion to go to Conference: The House agreed by unanimous consent to the Shuster motion

to take from the Speaker's table H.R. 3080, to provide for improvements to the rivers and harbors of the United States and to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, with a Senate amendment thereto, disagree to the Senate amendment, and agree to a conference requested by the Senate thereon. **Pages H7066–69**

Agreed to the Sean Patrick Maloney (NY) motion to instruct conferees by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 347 yeas to 76 nays with 1 answering "present", Roll No. 582. **Pages H7079–80**

Subsequently, the Chair appointed the following conferees: From the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for consideration of the House bill and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Shuster, Duncan (TN), LoBiondo, Graves (GA), Capito, Miller (MI), Hunter, Bucshon, Gibbs, Hanna, Webster (FL), Rice (SC), Mullin, Rodney Davis (IL), Rahall, DeFazio, Brown (FL), Eddie Bernice Johnson (TX), Bishop (NY), Edwards, Garamendi, Hahn, Nolan, Frankel (FL), and Bustos. **Page H7080**

From the Committee on Natural Resources, for consideration of secs. 103, 115, 144, 146, and 220 of the House bill, and secs. 2017, 2027, 2028, 2033, 2051, 3005, 5002, 5003, 5005, 5007, 5012, 5018, 5020, title XII, and sec. 13002 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Hastings (WA), Bishop (UT), and Napolitano. **Page H7080**

Later, the Chair removed Representative Graves of Georgia as a conferee and appointed Representative Graves of Missouri to fill the vacancy. The Clerk was instructed to notify the Senate of the change in conferees. **Page H7095**

Lawsuit Abuse Reduction Act of 2013: The House passed H.R. 2655, to amend Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure to improve attorney accountability, by a recorded vote of 228 yeas to 195 noes, Roll No. 581. **Pages H7069–79**

Rejected the Lewis motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 197 yeas to 225 nays, Roll No. 580. **Pages H7077–78**

H. Res. 403, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 2655) and (H.R. 982), was agreed to yesterday, November 13th.

Small Airplane Revitalization Act of 2013: The House concurred in the Senate amendment to H.R. 1848, to ensure that the Federal Aviation Administration advances the safety of small airplanes and the continued development of the general aviation industry. **Page H7080**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two ye-a-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H7078, H7078–79, H7079. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Committee Meetings

EFFECTS OF THE PATIENT PROTECTION AND AFFORDABLE CARE ACT ON SCHOOLS, COLLEGES, AND UNIVERSITIES

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "The Effects of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act on Schools, Colleges, and Universities". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OBAMACARE IMPLEMENTATION PROBLEMS: MORE THAN JUST A BROKEN WEBSITE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled "Obamacare Implementation Problems: More than Just a Broken Website". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

IMPACT OF PATENT ASSERTION ENTITIES ON INNOVATION AND THE ECONOMY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "The Impact of Patent Assertion Entities on Innovation and the Economy". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EPA'S PROPOSED GHG STANDARDS FOR NEW POWER PLANTS; AND WHITFIELD-MANCHIN

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing entitled "EPA's Proposed GHG Standards for New Power Plants; and a measure regarding the Whitfield-Manchin legislation. Testimony was heard from Senator Manchin; Janet McCabe, Acting Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation, Environmental Protection Agency; E. Scott Pruitt, Attorney General, State of Oklahoma; Henry Hale, Mayor, Fulton, Arkansas; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a markup on the following legislation: H.R. 3329, to enhance the ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, increase individual savings, and for other purposes; H.R. 3468, the "Credit Union Share Insurance Fund Parity Act";

H.R. 1800, the “Small Business Credit Availability Act”; H.R. 2274, the “Small Business Mergers, Acquisitions, Sales, and Brokerage Simplification Act of 2013”; and H.R. 3448, the “Small Cap Liquidity Reform Act of 2013”. The following bills were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 3468; H.R. 1800; H.R. 2274; and H.R. 3448. The following bill was ordered reported, without amendment: H.R. 3329.

TSA’S SPOT PROGRAM AND INITIAL LESSONS FROM THE LAX SHOOTING

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Transportation Security held a hearing entitled “TSA’s SPOT Program and Initial Lessons From the LAX Shooting”. Testimony was heard from John S. Pistole, Administrator, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security; Daniel Gerstein, Deputy Under Secretary, Science and Technology Directorate, Department of Homeland Security; Stephen M. Lord, Managing Director, Forensic Audits and Investigative Service, Government Accountability Office; and Charles K. Edwards, Deputy Inspector General, Office of Inspector General, Department of Homeland Security.

REGULATORY CRIME: SOLUTIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Over-Criminalization Task Force held a hearing on Regulatory Crime: Solutions. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a markup on the following legislation: H.R. 1308, the “Endangered Salmon and Fisheries Predation Prevention Act”; H.R. 2798, to amend Public Law 106–206 to direct the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to require annual permits and assess annual fees for commercial filming activities on Federal land for film crews of 5 persons or fewer; H.R. 2824, the “Preventing Government Waste and Protecting Coal Mining Jobs in America”; H.R. 3008, to provide for the conveyance of a small parcel of National Forest System land in Los Padres National Forest in California, and for other purposes; H.R. 3188, the “Yosemite Rim Fire Emergency Salvage Act”; and H.R. 3189, the “Water Rights Protection Act”. The following bills were ordered reported without amendment: H.R. 1308; H.R. 2798; and H.R. 2824. The following bills were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 3008; H.R. 3188; and H.R. 3189.

REVIEWING ALTERNATIVES TO AMTRAK’S ANNUAL LOSSES IN FOOD AND BEVERAGE SERVICE

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Operations held a hear-

ing entitled “Reviewing Alternatives to Amtrak’s Annual Losses in Food and Beverage Service”. Testimony was heard from Tom Hall, Chief, Customer Services, Amtrak; Ted Alves, Inspector General, Amtrak Office of Inspector General; Ed Howell, Senior Vice President, Smithsonian Enterprises; Paul Worley, Rail Division Director, North Carolina Department of Transportation; and a public witness.

BORDER SECURITY OVERSIGHT

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security held a hearing entitled “Border Security Oversight, Part III: Border Crossing Cards and B1/B2 Visas”. Testimony was heard from John Wagner, Acting Assistant Commissioner, Office of Field Operations, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security; John P. Woods, Assistant Director, National Security Investigation Division, Homeland Security Investigations, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement; Edward J. Ramotowski, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Visa Services, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Department of State; and Juan Osuna, Director, Executive Office for Immigration Review, Department of Justice.

KEEP YOUR HEALTH PLAN ACT OF 2013

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 3350, the “Keep Your Health Plan Act of 2013”. The Committee granted, by voice vote, a closed rule for H.R. 3350. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. The rule provides one motion to recommit. Testimony was heard from Representatives Burgess and Pallone.

STRENGTHENING TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY WITHIN THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Strengthening Transparency and Accountability within the Environmental Protection Agency”. Testimony was heard from Gina McCarthy, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency.

SELF-INSURANCE AND HEALTH BENEFITS: AN AFFORDABLE OPTION FOR SMALL BUSINESS

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Health and Technology held a hearing entitled “Self-Insurance and Health Benefits: An Affordable Option for

Small Business?”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

PROGRESS REPORT: HURRICANE SANDY RECOVERY—ONE YEAR LATER

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Progress Report: Hurricane Sandy Recovery—One Year Later”. Testimony was heard from Peter M. Rogoff, Administrator, Federal Transit Administration; Victor M. Mendez, Administrator, Federal Highway Administration; Joseph Szabo, Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration; Elizabeth A. Zimmerman, Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Response and Recovery, Federal Emergency Management Agency; and Lieutenant General Thomas P. Bostick, Commanding General and Chief of Engineers, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1047)

H.R. 2094, to amend the Public Health Service Act to increase the preference given, in awarding certain asthma-related grants, to certain States (those allowing trained school personnel to administer epinephrine and meeting other related requirements).

Signed on November 13, 2013. (Public Law 113–48)

H.R. 3302, to name the Department of Veterans Affairs medical center in Bay Pines, Florida, as the “C.W. Bill Young Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center”. Signed on November 13, 2013. (Public Law 113–49)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2013

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade, hearing entitled “Our Nation of Builders: Training the Builders of the Future”, 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Reviewing FDA’s Implementation of FDASIA”, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Oversight and Management Efficiency, hearing entitled “DHS Financial Management: Investigating DHS’s Stewardship of Taxpayer Dollars”, 9:30 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law, hearing on Oversight of the Antitrust Enforcement Agencies, 9 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

2 p.m., Monday, November 18

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Friday, November 15

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 5 p.m.), Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Robert Leon Wilkins, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination at 5:30 p.m.

Following disposition of the nomination of Robert Leon Wilkins, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on H.R. 3204, Drug Quality and Security Act. If cloture is invoked, Senate will vote on passage of the bill. The filing deadline for first-degree amendments to the bill is at 3 p.m., and the filing deadline for second-degree amendments to the bill is at 4 p.m.

Following disposition of H.R. 3204, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1197, National Defense Authorization Act.

House Chamber

Program for Friday: Consideration of H.R. 3350—Keep Your Health Plan Act of 2013 (Subject to a Rule).

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